

ROTARY CLUB OF PRESTON Inc.

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Rotary Club of Preston 9790 COMMITTEES: 2021/2022

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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

PRESIDENT OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SHEKHAR

MEHTA has offered a personal example of implementing one's vocation to do good through Rotary. Well worth reading is the half page opening to the January issue of Rotary. With the tsunami destruction of thousands of homes in his Andaman and Nicobar Islands home District, his vocation as a builder got him going.



It remains a great joy for him that he was able to build 500 homes. ***“The satisfaction I had in handing over these homes was greater than from anything I had previously built. Probably because for once I was using my vocation to Serve to Change Lives”.***



22-12-2021 saw numerous visitors, much bedlam, ongoing delight, inaudible auctioneer despite microphone, boisterous laughter, loud detonations

notwithstanding the presence of the **Hon. A.G. Emma Davis**, booming revelry and party crackers with terrible jokes: e.g. **Q.** How do you make a band stand? **A.** Take away the chairs!!



Sergeant David Sullivan waved his collection box and again captured his audience with his much appreciated gusto.



It was great to join with so many visitors and partners despite the ongoing threats of Covid-19 virus. President Chris worked hard to keep order during the Darebin RSL Christmas dinner while simultaneously attempting to set up the second half of his club presidency.

Now for an active and eventful 2022.

COMING MEETINGS

FEB. 2: PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP: Hospitality Awards and Bernie Lamers Building Industry Award. Chair –Tim Weir

FEB. 9: ROMAC – ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN: Bruce Walker and Ann Kimberly. Chair – Elaine Price

FEB. 16: POLICE AWARDS. Chair – Elaine Price

FEB. 23: COUD INTERGRATORS – Jason Shiko, Organizer Club Website. Chair – Lisa DeFazio

THE ROTARY FAMILY

Over the holiday break there have been a few members and contacts who have either contracted **Covid-9** or have suffered symptoms. All join in wishing them good recoveries and healthy returns to Rotary service.

8/2/89 saw the historic induction of **Geoff McIlvenna** into the Rotary Club of Preston.

Coincidentally that year was the year of the *Tiananmen Square Massacre*.



ROTARY FOUNDATION SUPPORT has always been one of David De La Coeur's active roles in Preston Rotary Club life. His financial support to Rotary



Foundation has been both outstanding and ongoing.

As a recognition President Chris Presented David with a Paul Harris Pin with 3 Sapphires.

Founded in 1979 by Rev. Ted Noffs at the Wayside Chapel in Sydney, **LIFE EDUCATION** has been a major operation for many members of the club since 1988 including the professional guidance of club member Carla Finocchiaro.

Recently a plaque was presented to the club by Life Education Victoria stating that ***“with a number of members on the Life-Education***

North Eastern Board, Preston Rotary has contributed to assisting over 250,000 young students live healthier and happier lives”.



CLUB NEWS

**On Wednesday Feb. 2 at 12.15 for 12.30
Darebin R.S.L. will accommodate
THE FIRST MEETING of Preston Rotary Club for 2022**

NEXT BARBIE will be the usual 2nd Saturday of the month – Feb. 12.

CHILDREN FIRST FOUNDATION AT KILMORE: Date for a club visit to the Retreat is still to be finalized but probably the last or second last Sunday in Feb. This is a chance for new members and partners to meet firsthand the community, walk the Farm and see its recent developments, all followed with a barbie.

WHITTLESEA GARDEN EXPO: Sat 5th March and Sunday 6th March.
Consult Geoff's email.

With speakers **Betty Kirchener**, Co-Founder of Mental Health First Aid and **Dr. Claire Kelly**, Director of International Programmes, Mental Health First Aid



Australia, the Australia Day Breakfast run by Moreland Rotary was a true winner.

President Chris who attended with Esther reports it was well attended with many Rotarians and supporters. Chris noted that Mental Aid First Aid is an excellent and growing project. The Breakfast entitled **Reflect, Respect and Celebrate**, centred around mental health in today's climate.

EMBRACING CHANGE - DISTRICT

CONFERENCE 2022: The Conference is programmed for 18-20 March at Marysville.

Club Website address:

www.rotary-prestonaust.com

Info to Ruth McCall or Lisa Defazio.



The account details for the **Rotary Club of Preston:**

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000, A/c 154 200 034

The account details for the **Australian Rotary Foundation Trust** for member donations

Bendigo Bank BSB 332 084, A/c 551 038 195

“Let’s keep peace and harmony on this great land”.

Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy Murphy